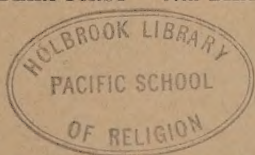




TOPEKA FIRST — 97th BIRTHDAY



CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

NOVEMBER 1952

In Memory

The Rev. R. E. Dimond, 78, retired Congregational minister of Wichita, Kansas, died June 24, 1952. Dr. John Henry Hornung, who served him as his beloved pastor during the years of his retirement, conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Dimond was a native of Kansas. After serving the Cora Congregational Church, in Smith County, for three years, as a licensed minister, he was given full ordination on July 8, 1908 by the Northwest Association in ecclesiastical Council at Cora. For some twenty years he served Congregational Churches at Cora, Haven and Maize and was greatly beloved and respected as a devoted Christian minister.

He was forced into early retirement when his voice failed, but he never lost his love for the church. Just a short time before his death he attended the anniversary service at the Maize church even though a special reclining chair had to be provided for him. His one lament was, "how I wish I had a voice and strength to share in the service of the church."

During the 30 years of retirement, he continued to be a good student of life and religion and maintained a zest for life even under trying limitations.

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December First Deadline

Each church has received lists of their present subscribers to Congregational Kansas along with a letter telling of the new plan for 1953.

Only churches having 20 percent of their total membership subscribing will be entitled to the 50 cent rate. All others will pay 75 cents.

We hope every church will put on a real campaign for new subscribers or include an amount for a well-chosen list in their budget. Congregational Kansas is to our Kansas Churches like a round-robin family letter. It keeps us informed, and binds us closer together in a Christian fellowship.

December first is the deadline for 1953 subscription lists.

Gorham Community Church Affiliates

On Sunday evening, October 12, at the Western Association meeting in Russell the Gorham Community Church was formally received into membership of the Conference. This church has been organized during the past two years under the patient and skilled leadership of the Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell.

The church constitution and charter carefully worked out to fit the local community is also in keeping with congregational principles. The covenant is also distinctive and very inclusive, making membership possible for those of widely diversified backgrounds.

The new church building, attractively remodeled from a rural school building, is nearing completion. This church stands alongside Colonial Church in Priarie Village and Wichita Pilgrim as one of our three new churches. We extend a hearty welcome to our Kansas Fellowship.

A
Church
With
A
Past . .
And
A
Future



TOPEKA FIRST CHURCH PARLOR

To cram into four hundred well-chosen words the proud 97-year-old history of the First Church of Topeka, is a task comparable to the assignment of the young college girl who "did Rome in a day."

Every institution, Emerson tells us, is the lengthened shadow of one man. With First Church, it has always seemed *a pooling of the will for a church*, of a group of early men, and a fortunate choice of leadership all the way down through the eleven ministers whose service has kept the fellowship together.

The early missionary, Rev. Samuel Lum, who "made an exploring trip up the river" from his base at Lawrence, and was "disposed to think well of a place about 25 miles, being settled by Eastern men", delivered the first sermon. The congregation did not weep, but the thatched roof did!

It would almost seem remarkable that during the organizational meeting on October 14, 1885, nine members subscribed \$365.00 for the formation of an Anti-slavery Congregational

Church. Five of the nine held offices; two deacons, two trustees, one clerk. Presented with six lots by the "City Dads" of that day, they worked a gruelling six years to complete their church structure, dedicated in 1861. The women of the church, with characteristic zeal gathered enough money to buy an amalgam bell, the first in the city, no less, in 1872. All these years the leader was Rev. Lewis Bodwell, whose Bible and musket had equal rank as standard equipment through the rugged horseback years of his pastorate. When the pipe organ was dedicated years later, the gift of the membership to the society, a special check of \$1000. came from the pioneering first minister, Lewis Bodwell.

A familiar name to Topekans is that of Peter MacVicar, whose nine year pastorate was intimately tied into the life of the town, the Washburn University, and his own church flock.

Rev. James Merrill served one year; then came the long pastorate of Rev. Linus Blakesley, with great progress musically, the special pipe organ and

the endowment fund for its care; and the purchase of the pure-toned bell which even now calls southwest Topeka to Sunday services.

In these years, too, came "the time for swarming," and the delegating of three score and more First Church members to found, in the broadening horizons of Topeka, the second fellowship—Central Congregational Church.

Other pastors were Rev. Don Fisk, until 1902; Rev. Francis L. Hayes until '18; Rev. Alfred Gregory from '18 to '27; Rev. Charles Atkins until '43; Rev. Paul Bockoven, under whose courageous leadership the downtown historic location was released, and a dynamic handful of members relocated First Church in an inadequately-churched area of southwest Topeka; there to develop a manifest destiny.

How well the "old members" in terms of holding together through piles of problems, appreciated having Rev. Ray Carleton Jones come into the church, when Paul Bockoven could not stay. And well indeed those new members, the old fellowship is proud to welcome, are carrying on the destiny of this historic group, known for 97 useful years as "Church of the Friendly Heart."

—Mrs. Charles A. Galt

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Mid-West Regional Meeting

The Mid-West Regional Meeting of the Missions Council was held in the First Congregational Church at Toledo, Ohio, October 21-23. Five Kansans attended the meeting; Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Upton, the Rev. Alfred H. Bartter, Mrs. E. C. Garrison, and Mrs. John W. Gibson. Dr. Upton presented

the invitation of the Wichita Plymouth Church to serve as host to the meeting next October. The invitation was unanimously accepted. Mrs. Floyd Davidson was elected as lay woman on the Mid West Regional Program Committee in planning for the meeting and Dr. Upton will be a member of the committee by virtue of being host pastor. Dr. L. Merle Rymph was elected as the Chairman and will preside at the 1953 session.

The Mid West Regional is primarily a meeting for instruction and inspiration and not a business meeting. The plan is to rotate from year to year to the various sectors of this 16 state area that our Congregational people may have a chance to know our missionary work and workers in home and foreign work. Naturally, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas will be expected to furnish most of the delegation next year because of our proximity to Wichita. Begin plans now to make the third week of October next year a time when you will spend 3 worthwhile days in Wichita. The commodious expanded plant of the Wichita Plymouth Church will be a wonderful setting for this important church gathering.

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Lawrence Plymouth

The 99th birthday at Lawrence was celebrated with a church dinner on October 15. Members of the church told of significant events; these included a resume of the church's history by Sam Elliott.

Filmstrips In Season

Available at the Conference office is "The Story of Thanksgiving" in color, "Let Us Give Thanks" - a worship service, and "Christmas Around the World" with recorded script.



"People Want and Need Churches"

The First Check

The Rev. Howard Stone Anderson (left), president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian Churches and pastor of the Scarsdale, N.Y. Church, accepts the first check received in the nationwide Church Building Loan Fund Campaign on behalf of the Board of Home Missions from the Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, national director of the campaign. The event marked the official opening of the drive in which the churches hope to raise \$4,500,000.00. William K. Wilson, New York, publicity director for the campaign; Mrs. Henry Schneider, Grand Rapids, Mich., vice president of the Board of Home Missions, and the Rev. Truman B. Douglass, New York, executive vice president of the Board of Home Mission, witness the

opening ceremonies which took place at 287 Fourth Ave., New York City, national headquarters of the denomination.

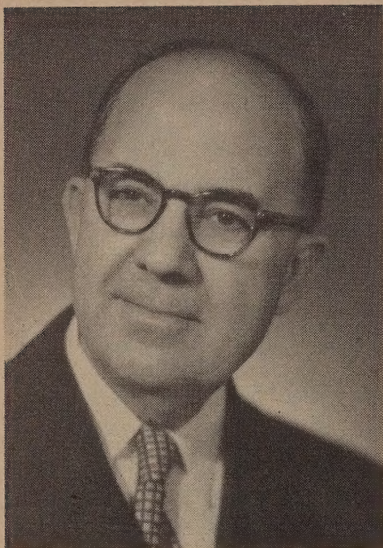
Your Response

Committees are at work in each association helping local committees with a plan of action in raising their share of the Church Loan Fund in the next two years. A number of churches have already signed their Declaration of Purpose. What has your church done?

Eastern Association

Mr. Evan H. Browne, Eastern Chairman has organized his committee so that each member is taking the responsibility for a number of the churches; working with him are Mrs. Elliott White, the Rev. Malcolm White, Mrs. Charles Brewster and the Rev. Ray Carleton Jones.

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REV. JOHN H. JONES

Forty Years In Kansas Churches

The Reverend and Mrs. John H. Jones began their new pastorate at To-wanda on October first. This will be their seventh pastorate with a Kansas church, having served continuously in the state since going to Ellis where Mr. Jones was ordained in 1916. The churches served are Ellis, Kansas City Rosedale, Eureka, Hutchinson, Osborne and Mount Hope Federated, where they have been for the past seven years. During this pastorate one-third of the present membership has been received into the church. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are both products of Kansas churches, and prior to ordination, John served three churches as student pastor. During 1912, his senior year in Fairmount College, he served at Udall. During his seminary course he held summer pastorates at Plymouth and Fellowship at Wichita. The passing

years have seen service on various Conference boards and committees, as dean of the summer camp, trustee of Doane College, etc. Mrs. Jones has served at different times on the Woman's State Board and at present is Assistant Moderator of the Conference. The Jones' have two children, Rebecca, wife of the Rev. L. F. Taylor, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pratt, and Stephen, who is in his second year of seminary at the Pacific School of Religion.

Only one other Kansas minister has had a longer period of continuous service in the state. That one is the Rev. Wilbert E. Dull of Topeka Seaman who has served Kansas Congregational churches since 1909, with his first pastorate at Powhattan.

Churches across the state that have been served by these loyal and devoted leaders show the mark of their courageous leadership.



MRS. JOHN H. JONES

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Notes from Your President

Attended the meeting held in Great Bend early in September, helping to make plans for the year ahead. At least one important step was taken by your Woman's Board - to have a series of one-day retreats early next spring - at least one in each association, for officers and members of local groups with our State Officers and a National leader.

Home from Great Bend and then down to Whitewater. Hot? Yes, but such a fine group of women and a beautiful church.

News from the Front - our son to be home and sent to Camp Carson, Colorado for separation. So the Garrison's headed west. We attended morning church service at First Congregational Church in Colorado Springs and saw and talked for a few minutes with Debbie Brewster after service.

Association Meetings

This year I was privileged to attend all association meetings and to meet many of our women. Mrs. Kittell presided at the meeting in Sedgwick and gave each president a few minutes to tell of work of her local church. Over to Towanda with the Rev. and Mrs. John Jones for the night. After a leisurely breakfast, with much visiting, we "toured" the town and visited their church, The Moody Memorial Church. On to El Dorado to say hello and visit with a very dear friend. Stopped in Eureka, but found everyone I called either out of town or not at home. Drove to Lawrence and once more was the guest of Mrs. Lindquist, chairman of our nominating committee. About a

dozen officers and committee chairmen of the Lawrence Plymouth Church were guests for the evening. It was indeed a pleasure and inspiration to visit with such a fine group about the work of our women. Mrs. Lindquist and I drove over to Ruby Avenue Church for the Eastern Association. Such a lovely church! It must be an inspiration to the community. Mrs. Rutter presided at the afternoon meeting which was highlighted by an address given by Miss Alice Huggins, who was a girlhood friend of Mrs. Rutter. Back to Lawrence and home on Friday.

Over to Russell after church on Sunday for our own Association Meeting. Western folks are accustomed to time and wide open spaces, so we used a part of two days for our meeting. Mrs. Gene Clay Jones, presided at Sunday afternoon meeting and also at luncheon on Monday. A brief meeting of association officers was held following the luncheon.

After attending the football game in Lawrence, took train from Kansas City to Toledo, Ohio where the Presidents' meeting and the Midwest Regional were held.

Memo from Miss Huggins: "It takes just one 'Determined Woman' in a church to get things done."

Will you be that woman?

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Schauffler College
Cleveland, Ohio
Sept. 28, 1952

Dear Mrs. Garrison:

I just received the Scholarship money which was given to me by your Women's Department for this coming year.

I want very much to thank you and all the women in your group for this help.

I had a very fine summer in Kansas this year, working for the Pilgrim Church in Wichita. Though I have not had contact with the Women's Department, except as I have seen it at work on a local level the past two summers, I know that you must be doing a fine piece of work.

Perhaps, since you have given me this money, you might like to know a little about the college which I am attending and what I plan to do after graduation. As you know, Schauffler is a Congregationally sponsored college. It trains young women for two fields of work, religious education and social work. It gives bachelor degrees in both these areas after four years of study. There are at present about fifty students.

I am majoring in the field of religious education and hope in the not too distant future to go into foreign mission work. It is quite possible that I will go on to graduate school before going to a foreign field. At the present I am a Senior with hopes of graduating this coming June.

Again I want to express my thanks to you and ask that you send them on to the members of the department!

Sincerely,

Evelyn Richards

World Community Day

Mrs. Elmer E. Erickson of Topeka Seabrook was chairman of this special observance sponsored by the Topeka Council of Churches. Mrs. Malcolm White of Sabetha was guest speaker.

Centralia-Christian Emphasis

The Congregational and Methodist churches joined for five special meetings beginning October 19. The Rev. Glen Argo is our minister.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. W. L. Aten

By Kiowa Pilgrim Guild

Miss Grace Perky

Mrs. Mary Younkman

Mrs. Fanny Coleman

Mrs. D. C. (Grace) Byrn

Mrs. May MacQuivey

Mrs. Frank P. Adams

By Lawrence Plymouth Women

A Tradition 78 Years

Individual tables on which a turkey with all the trimmings will be placed will be featured at the traditional New England dinner of the First Pilgrim Church, Kansas City, on Thursday, November 20. This will be the 78th such dinner given for the public by The Whatsoever Circle, women's organization of the church.

Hosts will preside at each table to carve the turkeys. Other items on the menu will be potatoes, dressing, green beans, brown bread, rolls, coffee, relishes, home-made apple, pumpkin, mince pies, and cranberry jelly.

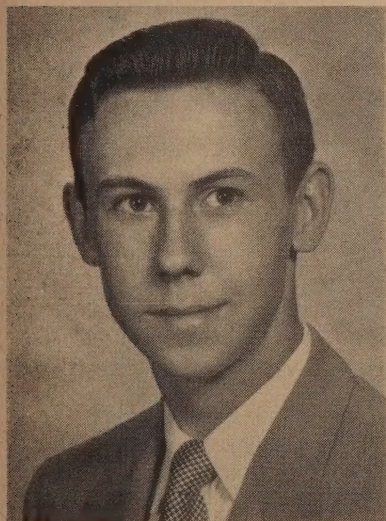
The first dinner was served in a small store building at Fourth and Minnesota Avenue. This year will find the setting in a beautiful new church at 22nd and Minnesota.

There will be 200 guests at the first tables. A second table is set up for all the workers, making a total of approximately 300 people being served. Miss Mary Garlick has been named General Chairman for this year's celebration. Mrs. Frank Naylor is President of The Whatsoever Circle.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President

Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary



GARY SICK — RUSSELL
Western President

Junior Hi Rallies

Southern met at Wichita Plymouth on October 19 with Uncle John Rossel and his Pilgrims as hosts. Nobody has reported how many people came, but we hope it was a huge succes.

Eastern Association Junior Hi Pilgrims, 107 strong treked to Manhattan, Sunday afternoon, October 26. The day was beautiful - the fall colorings gorgeous, as all nature joined in displaying the beauty of Our Father's World. "Uncle Rusty" gave simply and clearly the parts that must go into making any worthwhile P.F. program. They could be summarized under four "S's" Something Spiritual, Something for Study, Something Social and Something for Service. Many new songs were learned with "Uncle Rusty" lead-

ing. Gary Nudson, Eastern Jr. Hi Chairman, called roll with the following churches answering; K.C. Rosedale, K.C. Welborn, Lawrence Plymouth, Manhattan, Maple Hill, Sabetha, Topeka Central, Topeka First, Topeka Seabrook and Wakefield.

Western Junior Hi group was royally entertained on Sunday, November 2 at Ellis by "Uncle Fred" Smith and his Pilgrims. "Uncle Rusty" and "Aunt Polly" gave leadership at this Rally also. Dave Cutting reported on National Council. Special parts were taken by Osborne, Garden City and Great Bend Pilgrims.

Roberta Mellinger
Eastern Reporter

Milford P.F. opened their fall program with a dinner Sept. 7. Uncle



ROBERTA MELLINGER — MILFORD
Eastern Secretary

Waldo Crippen reports that Roberta Mellinger received a new R.S.V. Bible as the outstanding young person in the vicinity.

Kansas City Rosedale is getting Pilgrim Fellowship organized under the leadership of the Bonny's. They are averaging 23 at meetings and had nine at the Manhattan Jr. Hi Rally.

Muscotah Pilgrims, newly organized, sponsored a Fish Pond at a church supper recently. On October 19 they had as their guests, "Uncle Harald" Wisegarver and Nancy Mack, Eastern Sponsor and President and several other young people. Following a chili supper the group led in worship, a program on P.F., and games and songs.

Southern Reports

McPherson Junior Hi and Seniors are making a survey on Main Street to discover whether or not all races are served in the various eating houses. They will use finding in a roundtable discussion on Human Rights. The Jr. Hi P.F. entertained new members with a "back to school" party. They have been studying the Indians of Elbowoods and are making scrapbooks to be sent to the children there. The Sr. P.F. has had a number of programs centering around the four actions. They helped promote the P.F. Sponsor's Institute held at McPherson on November 4 where "Uncle Rusty" gave leadership.

Whitewater P.F. was favored with a visitation by Norky Jones, State President, Doris Ann Bonnell, State Secretary and Barbara Bell, Secretary-Treasurer on October 12. They presented a worship service, a program on P.F. organization, problems and ideas and a social hour of songs and games. Refreshments were served at the home of Harriet Nigg.

Barbara Bell - Reporting

Work Day For Christ

It has been thrilling to note the greatly increased participation and enthusiasm in this special observance this year over last year. Many more groups taking part with much bigger plans and results.

Lawrence Plymouth Pilgrims - college Jr. Hi and High School, joined in a Car Wash at the Motor Inn, washed 52 cars and turned over \$75.00.

Russell P.F. began with a "Dedication of Self" service on October 19; they secured jobs baby sitting, cleaning, putting up storm windows and raking leaves during the week; on Oct. 26, they dedicated their gifts at a special service.

Topeka First Seniors earned \$40.00 washing 40 cars; the Jr. Hi's made almost \$15.00 doing odd jobs. Seabrook Pilgrims served a pancake and soup supper on October 16, netting \$30.00. Topeka Central Pilgrims baked and sold 90 dozen cookies. The three groups joined in a dedication service presenting their earnings in Bockoven Memorial Chapel the evening of October 25 with "Uncle Rusty" bringing the message.

Maple Hill cleared more than \$60.00 selling pop at the big XIT Horse Sale early in October.

McPherson P.F. had a Car Wash but we have not yet heard the result.

These gifts, over and above the Missionary Action pledges will go to special projects at home and abroad. Included is help in the support of Inanda Girls School in Africa, travel for missionaries going to Africa, help for the Delmo Community project and others.

Many other projects will be reported next issue after all reports are given at the Statewide Rally at Topeka Central on November 7 and 8.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Under the Christmas Tree

Gifts this year from America can fulfill the dreams of a great many children both at home and overseas. How about a party that will include some of these friends? There are many Friendly Service suggestions given to us this year. Perhaps it is just the thing you have been looking for. Some of you had a wonderful time trimming a sneaker tree last year. Sneakers or perhaps tennis shoes to you, are still greatly needed - all sizes. Good used clothing, especially sweaters, coats and mittens for children, yard goods and shoes are desperately needed by Palestinian Refugees in the Lebanese Republic and Korea. Suggestions for having a sneaker or mitten tree may be obtained from the Conference Office. All the above items may be sent direct to The Congregational Christian Service Committee, 110 E. 29th St., New York 16, N.Y. There are many Friendly Service suggestions in addition to those mentioned. A few are given below. More information may be obtained from the Conference Office. Books, toys, dolls, crayons, pencils are needed by the following: DELMO, Mrs. Newell Stew-

ard, Box 314, Lillbourn. Mo.; ELLIS ISLAND, Mrs. Jennie F. Pratt, Social Service, Ellis Island, New York 4, N.Y.; COTTON VALLEY, Miss Julia M. Johnson, Tuskegee, Alabama. Face cloths, towels, toothbrushes, soap and summer underwear may be sent to Mrs. H. W. Olander, Pierce College, Elleniko, GREECE. These personal items are also needed at Ellis Island.

Good used Sunday School papers; Bible pictures, used Christmas or Easter cards (writing and signatures cut off); Bible story and picture books have been requested by Miss Corrine M. Nordquest, Missionary in Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA. If you have these items and would like to send them to Africa write the State Conference regarding postal regulations.

Universal Bible Sunday

How about having an "adventure in your church" on December 14 with a Bible Exhibit. If you are a Pilgrim Series Church you will find excellent suggestions in the Fall Program Manual. It is planned as an All-Church project so every department in the church has a part in it. Juniors and Junior Highs especially enjoy it. Old family Bibles often have unusual human interest stories connected with them. There are many varieties including Braille and foreign-language Bibles that are nearly always available even in the remotest of communities. Scrolls and Jewish prayer books can be obtained from several sources. Modern versions should be included as well as the film-strip "Bible Through the Centuries."

From Here and There

The church school at Kansas City



First Pilgrim has an additional room since the stairs to the upper tower room have been completed. Material costs and labor were donated by the Men's Club.

The seventh and eighth grade class at our newly remodeled **Russell Church** have what is known as the Rainbow Room. Plans are now underway to decorate it in accordance with its name. The second graders in the Rose Room have new tables in keeping with the latest trend. The nursery is dressed up with attractive new curtains decorated with the well-known Nursery characters.

"An Evening In Paris" was the theme for the Family Night supper at **Colonial Church, Prairie Village**.

The Rev. Dale Turner, **Lawrence**, is teaching a course for adults on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." This class meets on Sunday evenings and thus affords better opportunity for discussion than a morning hour.

The teachers of the Junior Department of the **Whitewater** Federated Church had a mock wedding party prior to the marriage of two of the members, Miss Marilyn Bidwell and Mr. Jim Hall. They went under the assumed names of Miss Seymour Orless and Mr. Canteloupe. Other distinguished guests with assumed names included Mr. Humdinger, Miss Heelantoe, Mr. Showmetheway, Miss Singanote, the soloist, and none other than Junior Outingflannel, the parson.

Reminders

November 13-15 Emporia; November 17-18 Great Bend - Second Annual Leadership Education Coaching Conference. \$2.50 Registration.

November 18-20 - Audio-Visual Institute. Central Christian Church, Wichita. \$2.50 Registration; 50 cents single session.

Stationwagon Report

Miss Leila Anderson, our roving Director of Christian Education, reports that the fund is growing for the stationwagon which is to be purchased for her work through the Division of Christian Education. However, a great deal more is needed before the purchase can be made. Any church school interested in dramatizing this project may obtain materials from the State Conference Office. It is not limited to any one group. Men's Clubs and Women's Groups are urged to "get on the stationwagon". Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Osborne, who is our Women's Department president, is a member of the National Committee sponsoring this project.

Bible Books for Boys and Girls

Preschool Age

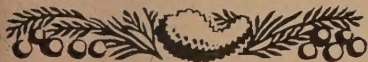
My Bible Book, Janie Walker 75
Isaac of the Tents, Entwistle 60
Small Rain, Jessie O. Jones 2.00

Older Boys and Girls

Picture Dictionary of Bible, Tubby 1.50
Picture Book of Palestine, Smither 1.50
The Junior Bible, Goodspeed 3.00
Bible Days, DeJong 2.95
The Children's Bible, Kent 2.50
Tell Me About the Bible, Jones . .2.50
Once There was a Little Boy 2.50
Nathan, Boy of Capernaum, Lillie 3.00
Story of Bible People, Curtis . . .2.75
Always There is God, Trent 2.00
Joseph, Story of Twelve Brothers .1.25
Joseph and His Brethren, Werner .50
Moses, Flight 2.50
Tell Me About Jesus, Jones . . .42.00
Story of Jesus for Young People

Bowie 2.50
Jesus: The Carpenter's Son, Fahs 2.50
The Bible Quiz Book 50

These Books are in State Conference Library for loan, or they may be purchased from Pilgrim Press.



A Call

To Prayer and Thanksgiving

As we come near to Thanksgiving Season, many appeals press for consideration. Most timely are the suggestions that come from the National Council of Churches in the pamphlet "A Call to Prayer and Thanksgiving." It is a request for the observance of December 7th as National Council Day but beyond that it is a call to a common commitment to Christian ideals.

At the heart of the call is the suggestion we pray in public services and in private worship.

"For the peace of the world,
For the triumph of the will of God
over ignorance, pride and prejudice
among men and nations,
For the establishment of international

accord, rooted and grounded in
justice and righteousness,
For our country, in this time of decision,
that it may truly become a
Nation under God,

For our churches, that they may
manifest more clearly to their members
and the unchurched in all
lands, the love and the power of
God in Christ,

For the General Assembly of the
National Council of Churches,
that its members may be guided
and blessed by God in the strengthening
of H's kingdom."

The breadth and depth of spirit suggested in this call to prayer may well be expressed in our prayers of thanksgiving as we celebrate our national holiday one week before. There is always a danger that in our thanksgiving, we may border close on the spirit of boastfulness, when the spirit of humility, related to ideals only partially achieved, might be more in order. Perhaps, we should be grateful for the fact that our Christian idealism forever outruns our contemporary achievements. When we offer our thanksgiving, let us thank God that manifold opportunities are ours to forward so many kingdom enterprises. The call of this season of the year is not only gratitude - but a high call to commitment to the highest Christian ideals we can conceive, - a call to lift all spiritual interests to the level of God's genuine concern for life. When that level of spiritual appreciation and gratitude is reached, all worthy causes will be blessed by outpourings of life's energy, talent and money in understanding devoted expressions of Christian stewardship.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, all that
is within me, bless His holy name."
Psalms 103:1.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, President

Charles Armstrong, Sec-Treas.

Frank Korab Memorial

Two checks have been received to be used as a Memorial to Frank Korab, who launched the Laymen's Fellowship in Kansas. One of Frank's life enthusiasms has been the support of Doane College. As an alumnus of Doane, a one-time Field Secretary, and long time trustee of this Congregational College, Frank has been particularly interested in helping needy students through their college days. The Laymen's Fellowship of Kansas is therefore, glad to help promote a **Frank Korab Memorial Scholarship Fund** at Doane. There has been some indication that the Nebraska Laymen's Fellowship may join us in this endeavor.

As Kansans we have not rallied to the support of this worthy institution as much as we should. Each year some of our choice Congregational young people enroll at Doane. As a conference we provide two trustees to the Doane College Board. What more worthy cause could we share in memorializing our beloved Frank Korab.

Checks may be mailed to Chester Bidleman, President of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship at Kinsley or to Charles Armstrong, Secretary of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship at Muscotah, Kansas. We hope to be able to announce a sizeable Memorial Gift when we make our report at Conference Time. Moneys, if sent now, could be put to use at this worthy institution by the second semester and help some worthy student the last lap of this school year.

Association Officers — 1952-53

Western Association elected Ralph

Ewing, Russell as president and Dan Hopkins, Garden City, vice president.

Eastern Association elected H. C. Arnspiger, 5520 Knox St., Kansas City Kansas as president and B. R. Betz, 1421 Wayne, Topeka is vice president.

Southern Association did not elect officers and the president and vice president for that Association will need to be appointed.

Russel Men's Club Entertain Wives

The Russell men's club entertained their wives at a barbecue on October 8th. There were about forty in attendance with a worship period at Ripon Hall following the eats. This club has good attendance at their monthly meetings.

Minute Men

Colonial Church men are organized for the year with Dave Campbell and Dick Gholston as co-chairmen. Their first big project was launching the Every Member Canvass which was held on November 2, with Bruce Stultz as chairman. They made an all-weather walk from the church parking lot to the chapel and also helped the Colonial Ladies with their third annual bazaar.

Laymen's Sunday

On October 19 Russell laymen had charge of the morning service at Russell and at Gorham. One of their number, Mr. Bernard Jacobson spoke at the laymen's observance at the Osborne United Church.

Their help was especially appreciated as the Russell pastor, the Rev. Hans Poppe was in the hospital following surgery on October 15.

Our Christian World Mission

KANSAS GIVING — 1952

Kansas Report to October 27, 1952

Church	1952 O.C.W.M. Quota	Paid	Paid Second Mile	Church	1952 O.C.W.M. Quota	Paid	Paid Second Mile
Almena .. \$	375.00	\$ 87.50	\$	*Mound City .....	.....	.....	26.27
*Anthony	600.00	450.00	64.95	*Matfield Gr.	50.00	25.00	.....
Ash Rock	50.00	.....	.....	*Milford	300.00	300.00	14.00
*Athol	100.00	75.00	.....	*Mount Hope	500.00	250.00	.....
*Carbondale	100.00	79.00	30.07	*Muscotah	150.00	112.50	.....
*Centralia	300.00	175.00	.....	*Neola	50.00	17.21	.....
*Cora	50.00	.....	.....	Newton	500.00	100.00	10.00
Coun. Grove	300.00	100.00	.....	Olive Hill	100.00	.....	.....
*Cumberland	20.00	15.00	.....	*Onaga	200.00	200.00	.....
Dover	75.00	75.00	20.00	*Oronogue	50.00	.....	.....
*Downs	250.00	187.50	15.42	*Osborne	800.00	731.75	133.25
*Ellis	300.00	150.00	.....	*Ottawa	500.00	375.00	79.61
*Emporia 1st	1,350.00	725.00	231.80	*Partridge	400.00	400.00	186.50
Sardis	200.00	150.00	54.50	*Pauline	20.00	10.00	.....
*Eureka	500.00	274.22	137.75	*Pleasant Hill	80.00	80.00	.....
Ford	400.00	300.00	90.00	*Pleas't Home	600.00	600.00	100.00
*Garden City	800.00	400.00	179.94	*Plevna	120.00	60.00	48.00
*Garfield	150.00	75.00	.....	*Russell	500.00	375.00	50.00
Gaylord	100.00	.....	51.57	*Sabersha	1,600.00	1,200.00	.....
*Great Bend	2,000.00	1,500.03	96.63	*Sedgwick	200.00	100.00	.....
*Haven	300.00	225.00	29.00	*Seneca	150.00	39.60	32.50
*Hiawatha	80.00	41.25	15.25	*Smith Cent.	150.00	150.00	.....
*Hutchinson	400.00	500.00	57.05	*Stanley	300.00	225.00	56.51
*Independence	200.00	100.00	100.00	*St. Marys	50.00	8.95	.....
Kansas City .....	.....	.....	.....	*Stockton	300.00	300.00	7.00
* 1st Pilg.	600.00	450.00	20.00	*Tonganoxie	300.00	300.00	.....
* Pr. Village	1,250.00	872.99	40.62	Topeka .....	.....	.....	.....
Rosedale	400.00	139.43	.....	* Central	3,300.00	2,475.00	204.69
* Ruby	500.00	417.00	41.00	* First	2,100	1,750.00	924.58
* Welborn	1,000.00	1,000.00	328.86	Seabrook	300.00	150.00	340.00
Kinsley	500.00	500.00	.....	* Seaman	800.00	566.00	45.00
*Kiowa	150.00	150.00	50.00	Towanda	50.00	50.00	.....
*Kirwin	50.00	75.00	10.00	*Udall	75.00	56.25	16.10
Lawrence Ply.	4,300.00	3,583.00	223.63	*Wakefield	300.00	225.00	65.50
*Leavenworth	360.00	270.00	.....	*Wheaton	150.00	112.50	8.50
*Lenora	300.00	300.00	176.91	*Whitewater	1,300.00	585.64	183.33
Leona	50.00	.....	.....	Wichita .....	.....	.....	.....
*Lincoln	100.00	75.00	37.57	* Fairm't.	2,400.00	1,800.00	100.51
*Little River	200.00	200.00	48.75	* Pilgrim	710.00	465.94	.....
*McPherson	1,000.00	250.00	.....	* Plym'th	6,050.00	4,050.00	1,055.85
*Maize	150.00	75.00	251.89	Totals	\$47,815.00	\$35,188.59	\$6,243.39
*Manhattan	2,000.00	1,800.00	152.53				
*Maple Hill	400.00	200.00		* Designates Per Capita Paid			

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Topeka Seaman

The Annual Fall Festival at Seaman Community Church was a complete success again on Oct. 22. The Guild women worked long and hard in preparation for this event, but not in vain, as the profit for the day was \$300.00. After the chicken supper, a bazaar was held and this was followed by an auction, with John McDaniel, Auctioneer. Special music was presented by a double quartet from the choir. This is one time when all the church folks and their friends enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship together.

The men of the Fa-Ho-Lo Class of the church are taking care of a ten acre tract of land north of the community, furnished by the owner for the payment of taxes. A fine crop of oats was harvested this summer and the ground has now been planted to alfalfa. The men gather with tractors, ploys, discs, harrows and seeders - making quick work of the planting. They are realizing a fine profit from this farm project and some of the "city boys" are learning the "hows and whys of farming."

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Southern At Work

Mr. Frank Warren of Emporia, the Rev. A. H. Bartter of McPherson and

Mrs. John W. Gibson of the State committee met in Sedgwick and outlined plans. A letter has been sent to all churches offering help in promotion of the program.

Western Association

With Mr. Chester Bidleman as chairman, personal visitation is planned in many western churches. Mrs. E. C. Garrison has taken the place of Mrs. Fred Smith who is ill. The Rev. Marvin Brown is the Ministerial member and Mr. E. C. Wedell, state chairman, is assisting.

The Basis of the Blueprint

This is a 15-minute movie available to churches from the conference office, telling the story of the Church Building Society, how it has helped churches get started and assisted them in rebuilding. Use it at an all church Supper Meeting to inform your people.

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Prairie Village

In the Colonial Crier the Rev. Fosgberg Hughes reports that he has baptized 149 infants and children in the three years plus since services started in the chapel September, 1949 - 76 girls and 73 boys. The church membership is now 314. Miss Alice Huggins spoke at the Sunday Services on October 26.